

Apparently, they haven't decided. So the majority leader says they will let us know as soon as they have decided what they are going to do—who they have to deal with to cobble the votes together on their side of the aisle. We have 240-plus votes for an option, but they are being muzzled. They are being prevented to express the will of this House.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the majority leader, does he believe that my representation that Hurd-Aguilar has 240 votes on this floor inaccurate?

Mr. Speaker, I yield to my friend.

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend for yielding. My friend made a lot of points. Sometimes facts get caught up in them.

So, Mr. Speaker, the gentleman talked about the floor and the willingness of this side to allow Democratic amendments, or bipartisanship.

As of June 7, Republicans in the 115th Congress—and we are not done with this Congress yet—have provided for the consideration of over 1,200 amendments on the House floor. Now, that includes 570 Democrat amendments.

And I don't want to compare apples to oranges, so let's do apples to apples.

So in the entire 111th Congress—that was their entire Congress when my friend was majority leader—Speaker Pelosi allowed less than 1,000 amendments to be considered on the floor.

Now, despite the unified Democratic opposition, Republicans are still getting the work done, and we will continue to do that.

Now, my friend made a few statements, said there are things I did not say. Maybe there were some things I did not say about the economy, but they are different than what he would, because there is some really good news, and it is not far from here.

Mr. Speaker, you could go to my friend's district. Each of the counties that make up Maryland's Fifth Congressional District has seen a drop in unemployment since 2016. St. Mary's County is down over a full percent to 3.7, Calvert County down to 3.5, Charles County down to 3.8, Prince George's down to 4.1, and Anne Arundel County down to 3.2 percent.

Now, the other point I did not make—and I thank the gentleman for bringing it up to me that I missed points—do you realize in America today, if you are African American, this is the lowest unemployment has ever been; if you are Hispanic, the lowest it has ever been.

Yes, there are things we had to do on our own, but the numbers prove it is worth it.

And what is even more telling about this and something that makes me prouder, it doesn't just help Republican districts, it helps everybody's districts. It helps all Americans. And that is what we are here for.

My friend brought up that there are issues. Yes, there are. That is why we want to pass the immigration bill. We think there should be a border and the

border should be protected. We think children should be with their parents, and that is what we are working on.

So I look forward to next week, to us passing an immigration bill that solves a lot of these problems.

And, Mr. Speaker, I hope my friend from the other side of the aisle would look at the bill and understand not everybody gets what they want, because in that bill there won't be everything that I want, not one person in this room will get everything they want. But will America be safer? Will America be better in the future? Will we have a system that works? Those answers will be yes, and that is how I will cast my vote.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, we will close now.

Neither of the questions that I posed were answered. And certainly the fact that there are 240 votes on this floor was not disputed, by the majority leader, for the Hurd-Aguilar, which addresses security at the border. By the way, cosponsored by Mr. HURD, a Member of the majority leader's party. A Member from Texas who knows about the border and who, I presume, wants to keep it secure. The bill he has cosponsored has at least 240 votes on this floor.

This is the most closed Congress in which I have served, the most closed rules. That is a fact. And apparently it is closed to the majority, who want to move ahead on a bill and just have the opportunity to vote on it and to give the Speaker the opportunity to put something on the floor and have the House consider it, and have Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD and Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Republican from Florida, have a bill on the floor and have it considered, and have Mr. GOODLATTE, who did, in fact, have his bill on the floor, and it lost.

So, Mr. Speaker, I regret that I don't know what there is going to be next week, because we need to take action. And we need to take action not by compromising with one side of the aisle and seeing only capitulation by some. We do need compromise, we do need action, and we need action that can pass the Senate.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

ADJOURNMENT FROM FRIDAY,
JUNE 22, 2018, TO MONDAY, JUNE
25, 2018

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday, June 25, 2018, when it shall convene at noon for morning-hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

TAX CUTS AND JOBS ACT IS GETTING RESULTS

(Mr. PAULSEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, today is the 6-month anniversary of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. And few would have thought that 6 months ago we would have seen such progress so fast because of tax reform, and the results are significant: bigger paychecks and employers giving workers pay raises; we have got faster economic growth; we have got 1 million new jobs that have now been created since the beginning of the year already; unemployment is at one of its lowest rates ever, under 4 percent; and we actually now, for the first time in history, have more job openings than jobseekers.

This is a good thing, with more business investment, record optimism among small businesses and manufacturers, and consumer confidence nearly at an all-time high.

Mr. Speaker, tax reform was just the shot in the arm that our economy needed to put Americans back to work and get our economy back on track.

HONORING RON PLUMMER

(Mrs. DEMINGS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. DEMINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Ron Plummer, Manager of Orange County, Florida, Office of Emergency Management, who passed away last week.

Ron was a dedicated public servant, husband, and father. Ron served in the Army and the Marine Corps for 27 years.

Since 2002, he has helped our community through countless storms and disasters. As every Floridian knows, getting through hurricanes and other emergencies requires calm leadership and deep compassion.

Ron lifted the spirit of storm-stricken neighbors, brought kindness to those with special needs, and made hope a tangible presence.

Ron united peers and partners to keep us safe, and shared his vast expertise throughout the State and the Nation.

Ron Plummer will be greatly missed by all who knew him, and we owe him a debt of gratitude for a life well lived.

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RECOGNIZING THE NORTH PLATTE CANTEEN

(Mr. SMITH of Nebraska asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the community of North Platte, Nebraska, for its many decades of service to our men and women in uniform.

Earlier this week, the North Platte Canteen came together once again to host more than 700 Army National